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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

☐ a sequence listing

☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

☐ in written format

☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

☐ contained in the international application as filed.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	1-27	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	1-27	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-27	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 02075629

D2: WO 03046708

D1 relates to an information management system comprising a plurality of products provided with a position code and a plurality of digital pens capable of reading the position code. The digital pens are coupled to a server means communicating with the pens in at least one communication network. The server means includes a position database which associates positions coded by the position code with rules for information management. The digital pens are arranged to communicate to the server means the information registered on the product. D1 also shows that the server means includes an interface unit by which actors in the system can enter data into the system.

D2 is cited to show the state of the art in recording of hand-written information from an electronic pen.

The only difference between the invention according to claims 1, 21, 22, and 23 and document D1, which is considered to be the most relevant document, is the notation of the "server means" in D1, which is called "flow path controller" in the claims. Both means seems to have the same function and therefore the invention according to claims 1, 21, 22, and 23 is considered to be known by D1.

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Supplemental Box

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Continuation of BOX V

Claims 2-20 and 24-27 are indicating details, which are either known from D1 or obvious for a person skilled in the art by knowing D1.

Therefore, the invention according to claims 1-27 is known or lacks inventive step. The invention has industrial applicability.